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Britain's Budget

THE main bone of contention about Mr Macmillan's proposals for "securing the welfare and solvency of the nation" will be whether his incentives outweigh his impositions.

There is nothing dramatic about the Chancellor's budget, but it enjoys the distinction of being partly conventional and partly unorthodox. What other British Chancellor has dared to offer tax-free lottery prizes as an inducement to purchase savings bonds?

It is not in the ordinary sense a "popular" budget, but it strikes an interesting balance between concessions and impositions, designed to be complementary in their purpose.

THE "attractive" proposals are: tax free prizes for investors purchasing £1 savings bonds; better rates of interest for government savings certificates and defence bonds; exemption from income tax on the first £15 from Post Office savings deposits; increased family allowances; reduction of stamp duty for people buying their own homes.

The "unattractive" proposals are: increased tobacco tax; increased tax on distributed and undistributed profits; abolition of bread subsidies which will increase the price of a loaf of bread by threepence halfpenny; duty on wines to be extended to elder and perry.

Among the new impositions, only the increase in bread prices can be deemed by the general public as harsh, but the Chancellor has displayed political sagacity as well as fairness in delving a little deeper into business profits. The least convincing accusation his critics can level at Mr Macmillan is that this is a rich man's budget.

FOR the government one of the most important questions about the budget proposals is whether the tax-free prizes for savings bonds will catch the imagination of the public. It is a gamble on the public's gambling instincts. Mr Macmillan is hoping that there will be such a rush for these bonds that the prizes totalling up to £1,000 every three months will be repaid a thousandfold. But will it catch on? One disadvantage about these particular bonds is that they carry no interest, and therefore possess no long-term investment value. On the other hand the chance of a quick and substantial return possesses an appealing inducement.

The scheme is, for Britain, a novel experiment, and if it wins the public's support, will rate as one of the most successful ventures by any British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

NEVERTHELESS, too much emphasis must not be placed on the experimental feature of the Chancellor's budget. His measures must be viewed as a whole. They form an integrated effort to stabilise the nation's finances and economy. Their objective is not merely to raise additional revenue. Fundamentally they are designed to divert expendable money into channels where it can be used to maintain Britain's solvency.

On the government's side the promise is made of a pruning in departmental expenditure, and the adoption of the system of financing capital expenditure in the nationalised industries out of available revenue. This will automatically apply a brake to spending and will save substantial interest charges.

All in all Mr Macmillan has performed a commendable job in his treatment of the country's financial ailments. His cure certainly deserves success.

WIDESPREAD BUDGET BENEFITS

Tax Relief For Pensions Will Help 22 Million

London, Apr. 17. Mr Macmillan's first budget today was very far-reaching.

For example, the tax relief for pensions benefit up to 11 million people, about 1½ million professional and other self-employed persons and about nine and a half million employed people not covered by present pension schemes. By this and other new inducements to savings the Chancellor remits about £20 million of taxation but expects it to be recouped several times over by people saving more.

By far the most important feature of the budget is the

promised cut of £100 million in Government spending. All Government spending tends to be pyramidized by enlarging personal incomes and the supply of money. The cut in it should reduce the base of the inflationary pyramid.

'FULL APPROVAL' The previous Chancellor, Mr R. A. Butler, always insisted that any major change in Government spending would require major changes in policies. Mr Macmillan has now cut it, with what he describes as "the full approval" of the Prime Minister and his other Cabinet colleagues. They will have to find the policy changes to effect the cut. This global cut in Government spending is additional to the cut of £23.5 million a year from ending the bread subsidy. That subsidy started in 1941.

Its ending, which was expected to be political dynamite, was announced by the Chancellor with such nonchalance that the House of Commons hardly noticed it.

Second only to the cuts in Government spending is the decision that the nationalised industries shall in future finance their capital expenditure direct from the Treasury. Hitherto, all of them except the

coal industry financed it from the market and the banks with the Treasury's guarantee.

This change should mean something more than an important technical improvement. It could lead to closer Treasury control of the nationalised industries.

Like the other inducements to savings, the "premium bond" proposal had been fairly

widely expected. Subscribers to the bonds have their capital assured and gamble with the interest.

The prospective prizes of £1,000 do not compare with the lotteries in some overseas countries or with the one in millions chance of winning £75,000 in a football pool.

CLOSER CONTROL

Following a Royal Commission's recommendation to abolish the discriminatory tax on dividends, last October's budget and today's have both increased it. Total taxation on dividends in Britain thus becomes 72½ per cent, and the receipts of them still has to pay surtax.

The Stock Exchange will not like this boost in the dividend tax. But it will welcome the cuts in Government spending, the inducements to savings, and the Chancellor's en-

couraging forecast of a recovery on the invisible side of the balance of payments.

The banks will welcome the Chancellor's decision against official fixing of their liquidity ratios. Most other countries have a system of liquidity ratios, and the recent South African budget adopted it. In Britain the Chancellor has decided that the matter is best left to the unwritten law.

REMARKABLY FAR

Contrary to some expectations, the Chancellor did not remove the exemption of industry and agriculture from local government taxes, or the tax relief on cars bought by businesses. All told, however, he were remarkably far to put force into his message that the British people are determined to protect the pound and to win through.—Reuter.

BIG RIOT IN ADEN: 30 HELD

From COLIN LAWSON.

Aden, Apr. 17. Armed police charged 1,000 screaming, shouting, boulder-throwing Arabs in an outbreak of rioting today. Tear-gas bombs were thrown before the mob was broken up.

In the Arab quarter, truncheons were used to scatter hundreds of Arabs stoning buses.

"Strike against the British" was the cry.

Police arrested 30.

The riot took government officials by surprise. They thought all was quiet following a wave of strikes recently which the government is insisting are entirely economic but which local businessmen say are politically inspired.

Four thousand are on strike. Technical college students are striking against a British headmaster. The point is at a complete standstill.

Supporting Nasser

A year ago there were no trade unions or leaders. Now there are 17 welded into an Aden Trade Union Congress which takes orders from the United National Front, a new political party strongly left-wing and supporting Egypt's Col

Inquiries show that cash to organise and foment industrial trouble comes from Saudi-Arabia, which also is reported to be helping big gun-running which has been taking place.

British-licensed patrols are now searching the desert for armed bandits, but the Arabs grin, "desert's too big."

The theory that the trouble is economic is too simple. British employers are paying two and a half time more for skilled labour than Arab employers.

Businessmen with a life-time experience of Aden say grimly: "Aden is the last cornerstone of British power in the Middle East. Some firm action must be taken, otherwise any calm can only be temporary."—London Express Service.

Assassination Bid

Santiago, Apr. 17. Senator Mariano de la Cruz, former dictator Juan Peron's greatest ally in Chile, escaped assassination today, when a bomb exploded less than 10 feet from the door of her home just as she was entering it.—United Press.

Gaza Shooting

Cairo, Apr. 17. Israeli Forces opened fire on Egyptian positions in the Gaza strip three times today, an Egyptian military spokesman said tonight. The Egyptians did not return the fire and there were no casualties, he said.—Reuter. (See P3 Ceasefire talks)

Bulganin & Khrushchev Near Portsmouth

Portsmouth, Apr. 18. The Soviet cruiser, Ordzhonikidze, carrying Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev, was sailing down the English Channel today on its way to Portsmouth.

Summing up his views for a programme that would be good for all Americans, whether they work in the field, or factory, or office," Mr Eisenhower told the Republican leaders the 1956 Republican platform should embrace these principles:

★ "The individual is of supreme importance."

★ "The spirit of our people is the strength of our nation."

★ "America does not prosper unless all Americans prosper."

★ "Government must have a heart as well as a head."

★ "Courage in principle, cooperation in practice make freedom positive."

★ "The purpose of government is to serve, never to dominate."

★ "To stay free we must stay strong."

★ "Under God, we espouse the cause of freedom and justice and peace for all people."

Expanding his seventh and eighth points, the President said: "To stay free America must stay strong. Americans must gird themselves with sufficient military strength to discourage resort to war and protect their nation's vital interests; they must help to strengthen the collective defense of three nations against those who would seek their ends through aggression. Their own and their allied strength must be spiritual, intellectual, scientific, material."—United Press.

Strict Security

Unprecedented security precautions will prevent large crowds from gathering to welcome the Russians.

Protocol decrees that

the Russian tour cannot be officially regarded as a State occasion,

so even the ships anchored at the wharves will be unable to "dress overall" to welcome the visitors.—

Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev will be welcomed by Lord Reading, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office on behalf of the Government.

First official job for Marshal Bulganin when he steps ashore will be to inspect a guard of honour.

Then he, Mr Khrushchev and their party of about 40 will be whisked off quickly in bullet-proof cars to their train.—Reuter.

The picture below shows the Soviet cruiser, Sverdlov which is the same class as Ordzhonikidze.

Cyprus Curfew

Nicosia, Apr. 17. A dusk-to-dawn vehicle curfew has been imposed on Nicosia for one week, starting tomorrow, an official statement said today. This punishment follows the "brutal murder" of a Cypriot Greek Police officer last Sunday.

Two time bombs exploded at an American-owned copper mine in the northwestern hills of restless Cyprus today. Little damage was done and the mine continued operations without interruption, an official said.—Reuters and United Press.

Peter do Marly-Manzano was driver from Budapest to Vienna today to catch the plane for London, where his parents have been living since they fled Communist Hungary in 1948.

"This was a miracle, I almost couldn't believe it," said Mr

THE LATEST WEDDING NEWS

'HOLD-UP KING' IN MONACO

From JOAN HARRISON

Paris, Apr. 17. France's one-time Public Enemy No. 2, Rene Girier, nicknamed "Rene with the swagger cane," jewel thief, bank robber and hold-up king, is in Monaco tonight as a member of the personal domestic suite of Princess Charlotte, Prince Rainier's mother.

Princess Charlotte, who lives in the Chateau de Marchais near Rennes, has for many years been a prison social worker and visitor. In the grounds of the chateau there is a special modern villa called La Serene.—The Serene—where she lodges prisoners on parole to whom she gives work on the estate.

Last February, Rene Girier, at the special request of Princess Charlotte, was released after having served only three years of a long prison term on "cautionary parole."

The gangster, apparently a model prisoner, was released into her care and came to live with his 15 year-old daughter at La Serene.

Wires Hummed

Several days ago Princess Charlotte informed the local gendarmerie she intended to take with her son's wedding two of her paroled servants, Girier and another man, Marcel Buch, who was condemned several years ago to 10 years' hard labour.

The Surete in Paris was alerted and the wires started humming between Paris, Nice and Monaco.

For Monte Carlo police have had two big jewel robberies on their hands in the last four days. Yesterday one of Grace's bridal attendants was robbed of £4,000 worth of jewels from her hotel bedroom. The day before another guest had £17,000 worth of jewels stolen.—United Press.

Studio Tells Secrets Of Grace's Gown

Hollywood, Apr. 17.

Grace Kelly will walk down the aisle on Thursday in a Renaissance-style, two-colored wedding gown featuring five skirts and two tiny lace loops and birds embroidered on the bodice.

M-G-M revealed today its top secret of the century—the plans for the gown, designed by Helen Rose.

The studio's press announcement said 35 people spent six weeks making the gown, "the cost of which would be prohibitive if made by private couturier."

The bodice of the gown is made of two pieces of rare rosepoint lace, embroidered together so that there are no distinct seams.

It has a high neckline and long sleeves.

PEARL LEAVES
The voluminous petticoats include a silk crepe sheath, embroidered with 12 inches of lace, a hooped petticoat of tiny organdy and lace ruffles, another petticoat of silk taffeta covered with ruffles of nylon tulle, and another petticoat of taffeta and net which forms the 3½-yard train.

The overskirt of the gown, made of heavy taffeta, is bell-shaped and fastens in the back with three bows. The bride's circular veil of silk net has been embroidered with rosepoint lace, thousands of tiny pearls and two love-birds.

The veil rests on a Juliet cap of rosepoint lace and a wreath of orange blossoms with leaves made of pearls.—United Press.

Taipei In UN 'Embarrassing'

Ottawa, Apr. 17.

The external affairs minister, Mr Lester Pearson, said today Canadian representatives "made a reference" at the White Sulphur Springs American 'summit' conference to the "growing onus of embarrassment and difficulties" of many countries, which recognise Communist China, about the continuing membership of the Nationalists in the United Nations.

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the Parliamentary External Affairs Committee whether Canada was one of these embarrassed countries.

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US ALLIES HARBOUR DOUBTS

Firm Resolve Has Been Replaced Says Radford

Washington, Apr. 17.

Adm. Arthur W. Radford said today that "doubt and confusion" have replaced firm resolve among some US allies.

ARMS PROTEST

Cairo, Apr. 17. Egypt formally protested to France today about the supply of French arms to Israel, official sources said today.

Deputy Foreign Minister Khayrat Said summoned French Ambassador Count Armand Duchayla to his office this afternoon to deliver the protest note.

Egypt's protest came after a delivery of 12 French Mystere jet fighters to Israel.—United Press.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said this results from success of the Communists' new olive branch tactics and a "less dynamic approach" by this country in its foreign aid programme.

Serious Problems

Adm. Radford, in a prepared statement for a closed session of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, urged approval of President Eisenhower's \$4.0 billion aid request as "our best instrument" for sustaining collective strength of the free world.

"As you may know I have recently made a trip around the world," Adm. Radford said, "I found a number of serious problems. In the year that has passed since I was last in those countries there has been in some of them a subtle but perceptible change in atmosphere.

Dynamic Approach

"In some cases doubt and confusion have replaced a firm resolve. I attribute this situation to a two-fold influence: first the success of the latest Communist tactics, and second, a less dynamic approach by the United States in the same areas."

Adm. Radford did not detail the failings referred to on the part of this country. However, he said the President's proposed changes in the foreign aid law would give "greater flexibility" and allow a "more dynamic approach." — United Press.

Danish Speakeasies' Flourish

Copenhagen, Apr. 17. Danish restaurateurs are complaining that the high taxation levied on all forms of alcohol consumed in public is causing the development of Danish "speakeasies."

Mr Julius Jensen, writing in the trade publication Restauratoren, said: "People will not pay the prices and so go to illicit drinkshops or they hire places where they can consume spirits without paying the extra tax."

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Strain Of Job Wins Compensation

Sydney, Apr. 17. Employees with high blood pressure can obtain workers' compensation if the strain of their employment worsens their condition and renders them incapable of working.

This decision was handed down in Workers' Compensation Court here recently when a retired woman public servant claimed that her work had caused nervous tension, emotional strain, stress and worry. Judge Watt awarded the claimant £A8 16s. a week from November 1953 until her incapacity ended.

Her employer — the Workers' Compensation Commission.—China Mail Special.

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Russia and Egypt today signed a one million pound (about \$21,000,000 sterling) barter-trade agreement, it was announced here.

Russia will supply Egypt with 100,000 tons of kerosene against Egyptian products under the agreement.

It was signed by the Soviet Commercial Counsellor, Mr. Serge Niklits, and the Egyptian Commerce Minister, Mr. Abu Nasser.

This follows an announcement here yesterday that Egypt and China had agreed to consolidate and expand their trade with each other.—Reuters.

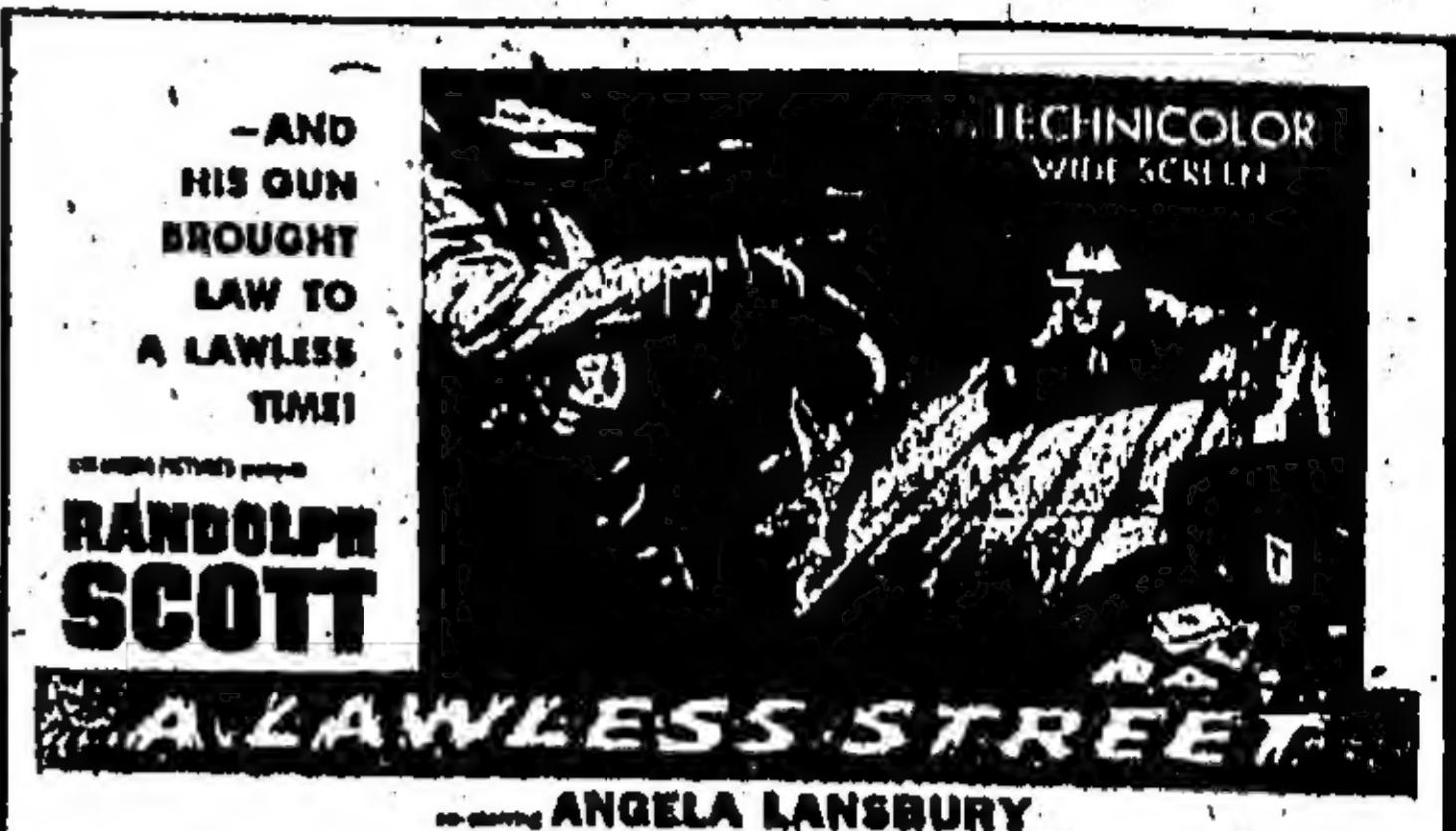
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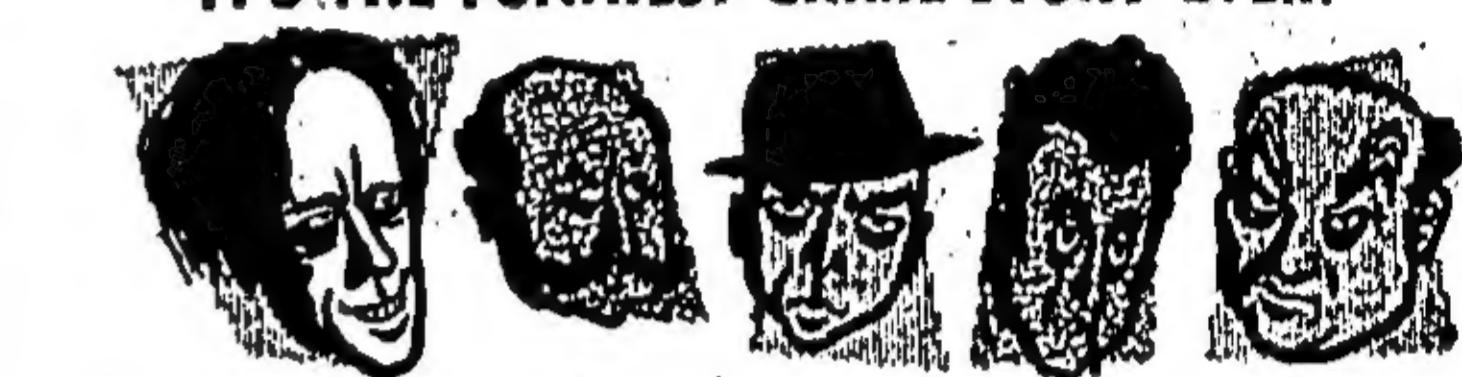
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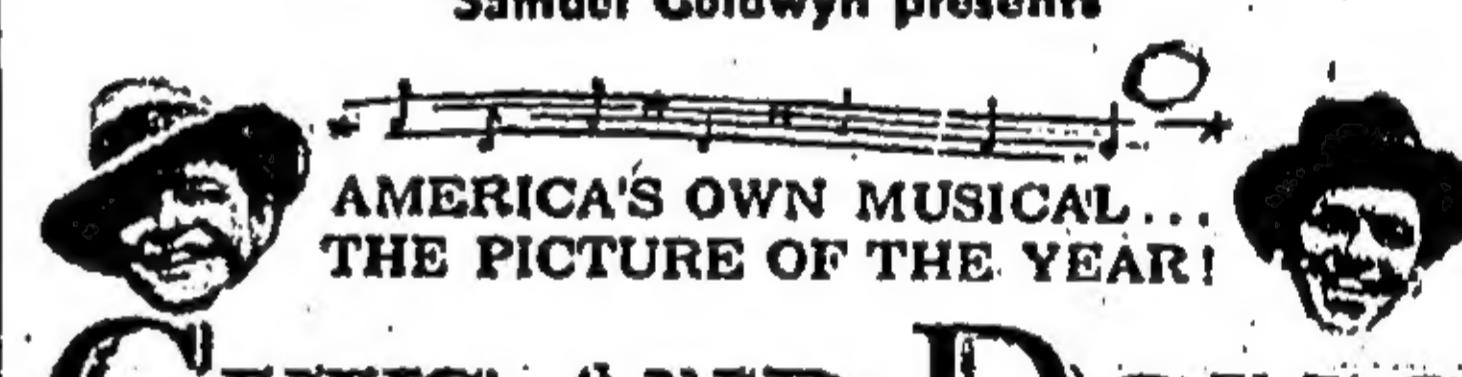


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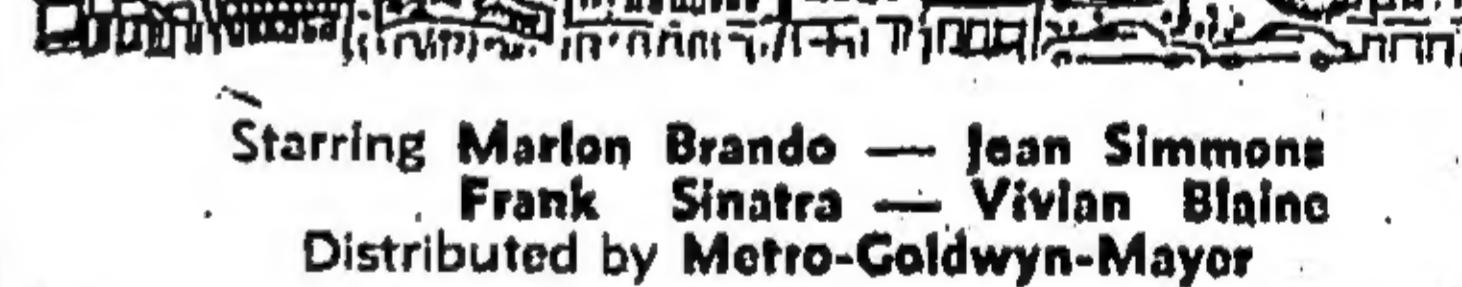


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CYPRUS NOT FOR UN

Washington, Apr. 17. The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, at his Press conference today rejected suggestions that Cyprus should be placed under the jurisdiction of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Mr Dulles said that NATO had no legal title to assume the control of any territory.

The Secretary of State recalled that the United Nations itself could not directly exercise its trusteeship over certain territories since it was not a supra-governmental organisation.

The trusteeships were entrusted by the United Nations to certain countries.

In any case, Mr Dulles said, it would not be practical to entrust the administration of Cyprus to a Council of 15 nations which could only act by unanimous decisions. — France-Press.

IMPARTIAL MEDICAL TESTIMONY

London, Apr. 17. The Lancet, a leading British medical journal, praised the new system of impartial medical testimony practised by the Supreme Court of New York State.

Discussing whether the system could be introduced in Britain, the Lancet said: "There can be little doubt that it would be of great value in the pre-trial stages."

"Although many actions arising out of physical injury are already settled before trial, the use of independent medical reports would provide a more satisfactory basis for settlements."

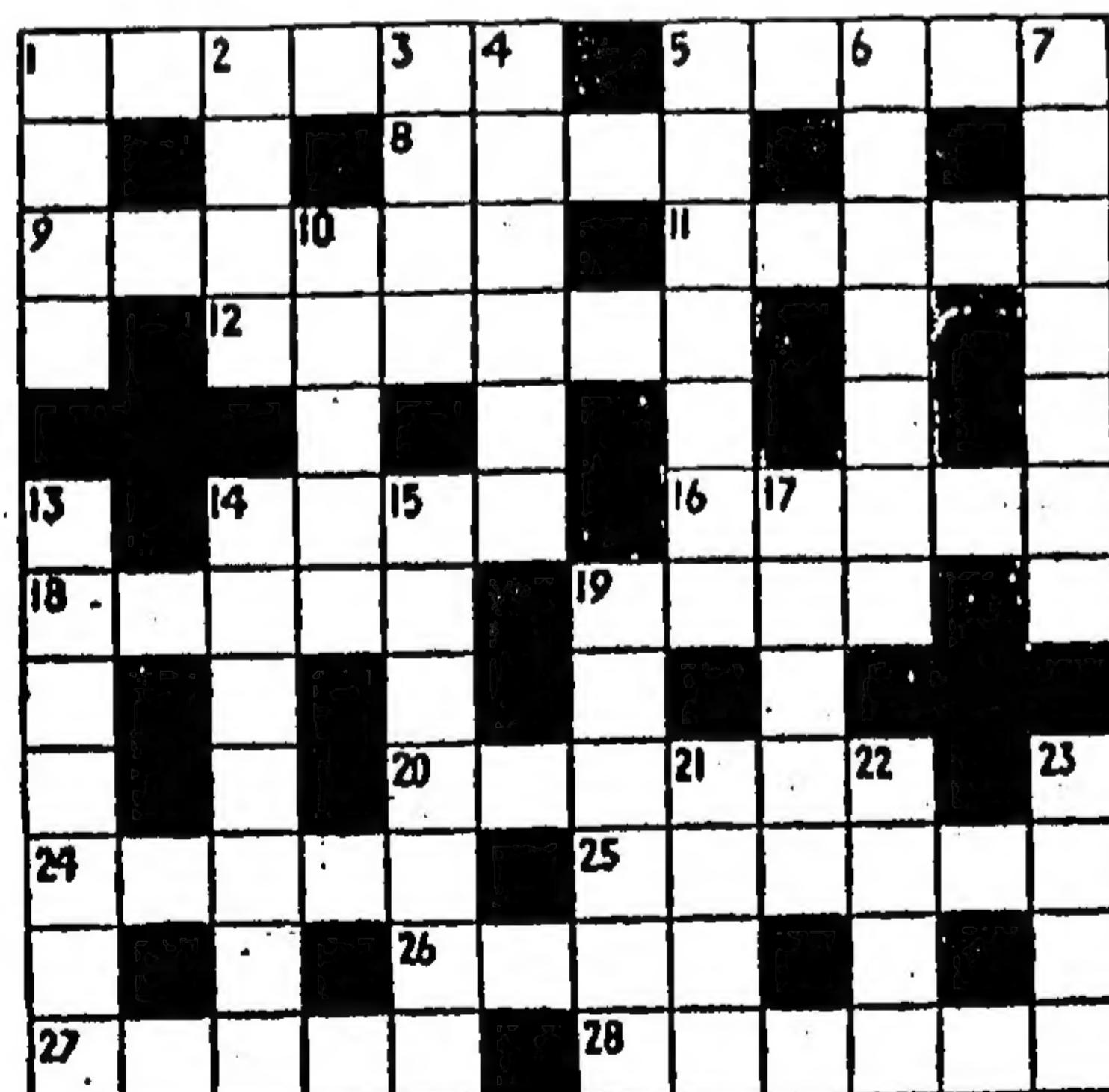
NORMAL METHOD

The Lancet was commenting on a report on the New York system by a committee of the New York Bar Association.

The journal explained that the normal method in both Britain and the United States, with a few exceptions, is for the opposing parties in a dispute to call their own medical witnesses. If they disagree, it is for the judge or jury to decide what evidence to accept.

Under the New York system, the judge may before a trial order the examination of an injured person by an impartial medical expert. — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Kind of cement (6).
- 5 Marine mammal (5).
- 8 Curry (4).
- 9 Method (6).
- 11 Equipped (6).
- 12 Drink (6).
- 14 Strikes (4).
- 16 Endures (5).
- 18 Couple (3).
- 19 Resting places (4).
- 20 Dangerous (6).
- 24 Impel (6).
- 25 Wall upon (6).
- 26 Building-land (4).
- 27 Numerals (5).
- 28 Come out (6).

DOWN

- 1 Volume (4).
- 2 Grate (4).
- 3 Encourage (4).
- 4 Negligent (6).
- 5 Argue (7).
- 6 Without object (7).
- 7 Everlasting (7).
- 10 Select (5).
- 12 Cut short (7).
- 14 Dividing into two (7).
- 15 Storm (7).
- 17 Grown-up (6).
- 19 Scold (6).
- 21 Detail (4).
- 22 Prophet (4).
- 23 Border (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Allis, 4. Gentles, 8. Ballad, 10. Annual, 12. Ripped, 14. Matador, 17. Tern, 19. Centres, 20. Beeswax, 22. Rail, 23. Selecta, 27. Serene, 28. Vale, 30. Target, 31. Desert, 32. Shred, 33. Down: 1. Album, 2. Inlet, 3. Edward, 5. Head, 6. Tendrils, 7. Salons, 9. Diocese, 11. Nettle, 13. Present, 15. Amis, 16. Angles, 18. Rest, 20. Bravado, 21. Alistor, 24. Loans, 25. Cigar, 26. Spated, 28. Root.

Bold Russian Political Moves TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH B AND K VISIT TO BRITAIN

By Stanley Priddle

London, Apr. 18.

Soviet Russia has made two bold political moves which are bound to have their impact on top level talks with Britain which begin this week.

World Problems

By dissolving the international Communist agency, the Cominform, Russia has faced Sir Anthony Eden the British Prime Minister, with what appears to be a concession to ordinary people.

By restating her claim to play a role in maintaining peace in the Middle East, she has struck another blow at the 1950 declaration under which Britain, France and the United States assumed for themselves the right to half aggression in that area.

Official Talks

The development comes as the Soviet order Otdzhonakidze approached British shores with Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Krushchev, respectively Soviet Premier and Communist Party Secretary.

They will disembark at Portsmouth today at about 1140 GMT and proceed to London which they will make their centre during their 10-day visit. At the insistence of Sir Anthony Eden, much of this time will be devoted to official talks.

The disbandment of the Cominform, originally a powerful association of all the European Communist states, was to be here as little more than a gesture. It had led to the same type of Russian behaviour as before, when Yugoslavia had to quarrel with Bulgaria, for

But the Middle East statement, calling for the maintenance of peace by the United Nations without outside interference, clearly set the limit that the Russians will take in their talks with Sir Anthony Eden.

Arms Shipments

The Prime Minister refused to anticipate the talks in the House of Commons yesterday, or even to say what subjects will be discussed. It is no secret, though, that the Middle East will be the key topic.

Sir Anthony has stated publicly that tension between Arab and Jew has been heightened by the shipment of Communist arms to Egypt. Authoritative sources say that in his blunt talk with the Russians he will attribute recent outbreaks of fighting to the same cause.

Bulgarian Government Reshuffle

Sofia, Apr. 17. VULKO Chervenkov, re-elected as Bulgarian Premier today by Anton Yugov, was nominated a Vice-Premier in a government reshuffle approved by the Bulgarian National Assembly.

Indonesia To Raise W. New Guinea Question

Djakarta, Apr. 17. Premier Dr Ali Sastroamidjojo announced today that Indonesia intends to raise the issue of West New Guinea before the United Nations General Assembly for the third time.

He did not say, however, when the next move would be made but indicated that it might be this year.

In an earlier statement in Parliament the Premier said that the struggle to include West New Guinea in the Republic would be continued.

Dr Sastroamidjojo said that attention should be paid to the border between West New Guinea and Indonesia so that the people of West New Guinea who still live under colonial domination can see the atmosphere of freedom in the Indonesian homeland.

Indonesia has twice disputed the Netherlands' claim to the area before the United Nations. — United Press.

AMOUNT OF HARM

In his letter of resignation from the Premiership, accepted by the Assembly, Mr Chervenkov said he had "permitted erroneous working methods, which had done a certain amount of harm to the functioning of the state.

The new Premier, Mr Yugov, told the Assembly today that the achievements reached by the regime in Bulgaria would have been greater if the cult towards the personality of Chervenkov and faulty working methods had not found their way into Bulgarian politics life during the past few years.

He said the Government's first task was to repair the damage done by these errors.

Premier Yugov said Bulgaria's foreign policy will remain one of peace and friendship with all countries, far and near, based on alliance with the Socialists, bloc and on Lenin's principles of co-operation. — France-Press.

Princess Launches New Liner



The new 25,000-ton Swedish liner Gripsholm was launched at Genoa recently by Princess Margaretha of Sweden. Picture left shows the Princess during the launching ceremony. Picture right is a general view of the new vessel sliding into the water. — Express Photo.

ANGLO-JAP STERLING PAYMENTS

London, Apr. 17. Mr Takio Oda, Minister at the Japanese Embassy here told reporters tonight that negotiations for the next Anglo-Japanese sterling payments agreement would be held in London towards the end of August.

He said that British and Japanese officials had been meeting fairly since every six months to either negotiate a new agreement or review the one in force, felt that it would be better if further arrangements were of a long term nature.

Mr Oda said that at the outset of the talks here both sides had suggested changes to the current sterling payments pact but later in the discussions had decided that it would be more appropriate to consider these when the new agreement is being negotiated.

Explaining Spain's position he said: "We have been guided in helping to establish the independence of Morocco by the principle of friendship with the Moroccan people and all the Arab people."

He said Spain also acted with a view to the security of that region which he called "a strategic region."

One reporter referred the Minister to a certain document concerning economic aid to the various Arab countries and also to "Jerusalem" and asked if it indicated that Spain accepts Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Mr Oda said that he was unfamiliar with any such document and then added: "The State of Israel has not had diplomatic relations with Spain since its inception because the representatives of Israel have shown an attitude of hostility towards us."

He said that this was true despite "the aid and help which Spain has given to Israel" at various times.

The Minister declined comment on both the Algerian and Goan questions on the grounds that it would not be correct for him to do so since Spain had no direct concern with either problem.

The Council also elected Mr Jose Vicente Trujillo, of Ecuador, and Mr Said Hassan, of Pakistan, as vice-presidents. — Reuter.

Spain Prepared

Asked about the possible re-establishment of a monarchy in Spain, the Minister said: "Spain is one of the few countries prepared for monarchy... I am a monarchist with Franco to re-establish the monarchy in such a way as Franco may desire." — United Press.

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TODAY'S FORECAST: RAINER FOR GRACE AND A COLD WIND BLOWS

From SAM WHITE

Monte Carlo. Monte Carlo is not well in Monte Carlo on the eve of Prince Rainier's wedding to film star Grace Kelly. This is a pity; it would be pleasant to report the occasion in a more appropriate manner, yet the fact remains that the atmosphere here among palace officials is as chilly as the weather.

The chill set in with Prince Rainier's return from America. Almost immediately he reverted, from the smiling, approachable young Prince of his American tour, to the unapproachable, unpredictable autocrat his ministers and advisers know so well.

He had scarcely unpacked when he quizzed with his only really close adviser in American, Captain Father Tucker, who has his red, so prominently in his romance with Miss Kelly.

UNREAD?

The quizzed has not been seen, and Father Tucker has not seen the Prince since their return to the principality.

This blow has saddened the normally jovial chaplain greatly. He has been the only person in the Prince's entourage who has never quarreled with his master, who says him daily, and whose influence he feels considerable. Now that he is not reading the Prince, an intermediary between the Prince and his officials has been removed.

Ministers who hitherto sought to influence the Prince by having a word with Father Tucker are now reduced to writing enormously fulsome highly stylized petitions which go unanswered and are probably unread.



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Well, we're just about all set to go by Giles



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THESE TEDDY BOYS NEED OPERATION RESCUE

and the task is one for their parents

LEYTONSTONE HIGH ROAD is one of the longest streets in London. It winds northwards from Stratford, East, for nearly four miles, passing innumerable small shops and cafes—and occasionally a dazzlingly-lit furniture store—on its rather dispirited way.

It occurred to me that I was going to have some difficulty discovering which of the shops it was that sold razor-sharp daggers to Teddy Boys.

One of these daggers, bought in Leytonstone High Road, had killed a man. It had been plunged into him in the East End, and the police found him dying, huddled against a wall, where his Teddy Boy assailants had dragged him.

He had made the mistake of fighting with his fists. The Judge, Mr Justice Barry, read a note from the jury as he gaol'd the youthful killers for manslaughter: "We find knives such as that used in this killing serve no useful purpose and ought not to be sold to the general public."

I wanted to discuss with the gentleman who had sold the knife what he thought of this proposition.

An elderly man walked by. "Excuse me," I said, "do you happen to know the shop that sells daggers?"

A dagger

He gave me detailed directions. In five minutes I was inside the rather decrepit establishment that had supplied many teenagers with their lethal equipment.

"Do you sell knives?" I asked the proprietor.

"Penknives?" he asked, and pointed to an array of them on the counter.

"No," I said, "with an encouraging smile, "the sort you kill people with."

"Daggers? We have plenty of them in the window."

"No," I said, "Not that kind. Flick knives, the press-button type that flash open."

"Ah, yes," said the proprietor. "We used to do a great trade in those at 2s. 6d. a time. To

"Came from Italy, the knives. Very strong, until the springs went. Lots of Teddy Boys came back and asked me to get them repaired, but I couldn't help."

The talkative proprietor got to the point. "I don't sell them any more. The police came to see me after someone had been killed with one of them."

"It wasn't bought in my shop of course, but when the policeman said, 'I wouldn't sell those if I were you,' I decided to give up that particular line."

I looked disappointed. "I wanted it for my son," I said. "How much are the daggers in the window?"

"They're not so good as the Italian knives. Too brittle. I tell you what—we were obviously on good terms already."

"I'll just have a look in case I have a flick knife left in stock."

He had not. I am glad to report. And I am sure Leytonstone is pleased that he never

Concluding the inquiry into LONDON'S TEDDY BOYS
by ROBERT J. EDWARDS



He made the mistake of fighting with his fists .

more often than not, the parents are to blame.

"Lack of parents' influence." That, above all, is what breeds Teddy Boys, said nearly every teacher, club leader, person and magistrate I met.

Lack of parents, they might have said. It is quite common for schoolchildren, when their parents both work, to wear the keys to their front door or a string around their necks.

Then they can let themselves in when they come home from school—and let themselves in late at night after their parents have gone to bed.

Life-line

Said Mr Harry Moore, superintendent of a South London youth club. "The club closes at 10 o'clock. Yet girls of school age are still hanging around outside at 11.30 pm. surely the parents should tell them it's not right for them to be outside at that time of night?"

It is argued that the parents are simply violating their environment. But that lets them off too lightly. Mr Moore is a product of the same environment. So are many fine people whose children are properly cared for.

What the neglected children and Teddy Boy teenagers need is an Operation Rescue from their parents.

The first life-line that should be thrown is a better education. I imagine that the London County Councillors are not satisfied with the secondary—as distinct from grammar and technical—education they provide at many of their schools. If they are, they should be sacked.

Second, more Londoners should concern themselves with providing first-class clubs for teenagers. "They roam the streets because they have

But the underlying problem will remain until fathers and mothers can be taught to do

provide first-class clubs for their teenagers. "They roam the streets because they have

challenge."

ON THIS PAGE TOMORROW

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NATHANIEL GUBBINS

Rainier is the Queen's 15th Cousin

by PATRICK MONTAGUE-SMITH
Assistant Editor of "Debrett"

THE Queen and Prince Suffolk, and by him became Rainier of Monaco are Rainier's ancestors.

related. Fifteenth cousins to be precise.

All rulers of European States can trace their descent back to Henry VII. To see exactly how—study the table below. See how it traces Rainier's descent from Henry VII, first King of the House of Tudor.

Since Henry VIII's line finished with his daughter, Queen Elizabeth I, successively passed through his eldest sister, Margaret, Queen of Scotland, ancestress of the Queen.

The sovereign House of Monaco descends from Obernghausen, Prince of Monaco, in 1197, who was sent on a mission by the Emperor Frederick to induce Richard I of England to join in the Third Crusade.

HENRY VII, 1485-1509 **ELIZABETH OF YORK**

Margaret, Queen of Scotland, by her second husband, Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk.

James V, King of Scotland, m. 2nd Earl of Cumberland, d. 1547.

Mary, Queen of Scots, m. 4th Earl of Derby.

James I, 1603-1625. William Stanley, 6th Earl of Derby, d. 1642.

Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia, m. James Stanley, 7th Earl of Derby.

Lady Amelia Stanley, m. 1st Marquess of Atholl.

Charles Murray, 1st Earl of Dunmore, d. 1710.

George I, 1714-1727. Lady Anne Murray, m. 6th Earl of Dundonald.

George II, 1727-1760. Lady Catherine Cochran, m. 6th Earl of Galloway.

Frederick, Prince of Wales, m. Lady Harriet Stewart, m. 9th Duke of Hamilton.

George III, 1760-1820. Alexander Hamilton, 10th Duke of Hamilton.

Edward, Duke of Kent. William Hamilton, 11th Duke of Hamilton, d. 1803.

Queen Victoria, 1837-1901. Lady Mary Victoria Hamilton, m. Albert I, Prince of Monaco.

Edward VII, 1901-1910. Louis II, Prince of Monaco, d. 1869.

George V, 1910-1936. Princess Charlotte, Duchess of Cambridge, m. Prince Pierre (Count of Polignac).

George VI, 1936-1952. Prince Rainier.

PRINCE RAINIER

Jennifer To Be A Carnival Queen By 'RECODER'

Jennifer Hart, who will be long remembered in Hongkong as one of the most versatile athletes we have ever seen here, has now another claim to fame.

At Shorham Town Hall two Saturdays ago she was elected Carnival Queen to reign over Shorham's Carnival on May 19 to 21. This will involve riding on a float through Shorham at Whitsun.

Writer Jennifer in anticipation: "I am frightened to death!" However the old Jenniferite pride in achievement is there as she claims. "The Chief Judge was Capt. Kirby, the Conservative MP for Arundel." Nothing like getting the Conservative vote.

One of Jennifer's greatest local achievements was entering every event in the Colony Athletic Championships in 1953 and collecting at least a third-place medal in everything. It is not generally remembered that she was also quite a good swimmer with several minor successes in Colony Championships in which Forbes was placed second.

FOR THE RECORD

For the record book it should be mentioned that Hongkong's other representatives Sgt. Day and 2/Lt. Jackson were placed 3rd and 6th respectively in the FARELF Individual Sabre Championships in which Forbes was placed second.

The Colony High Jump record of 4 feet 11 1/2 inches at the age of 14 was an international class performance and was for some two years a South-East Asian record. A Filipino girl has since added five-eights of an inch to this height to claim a new one.

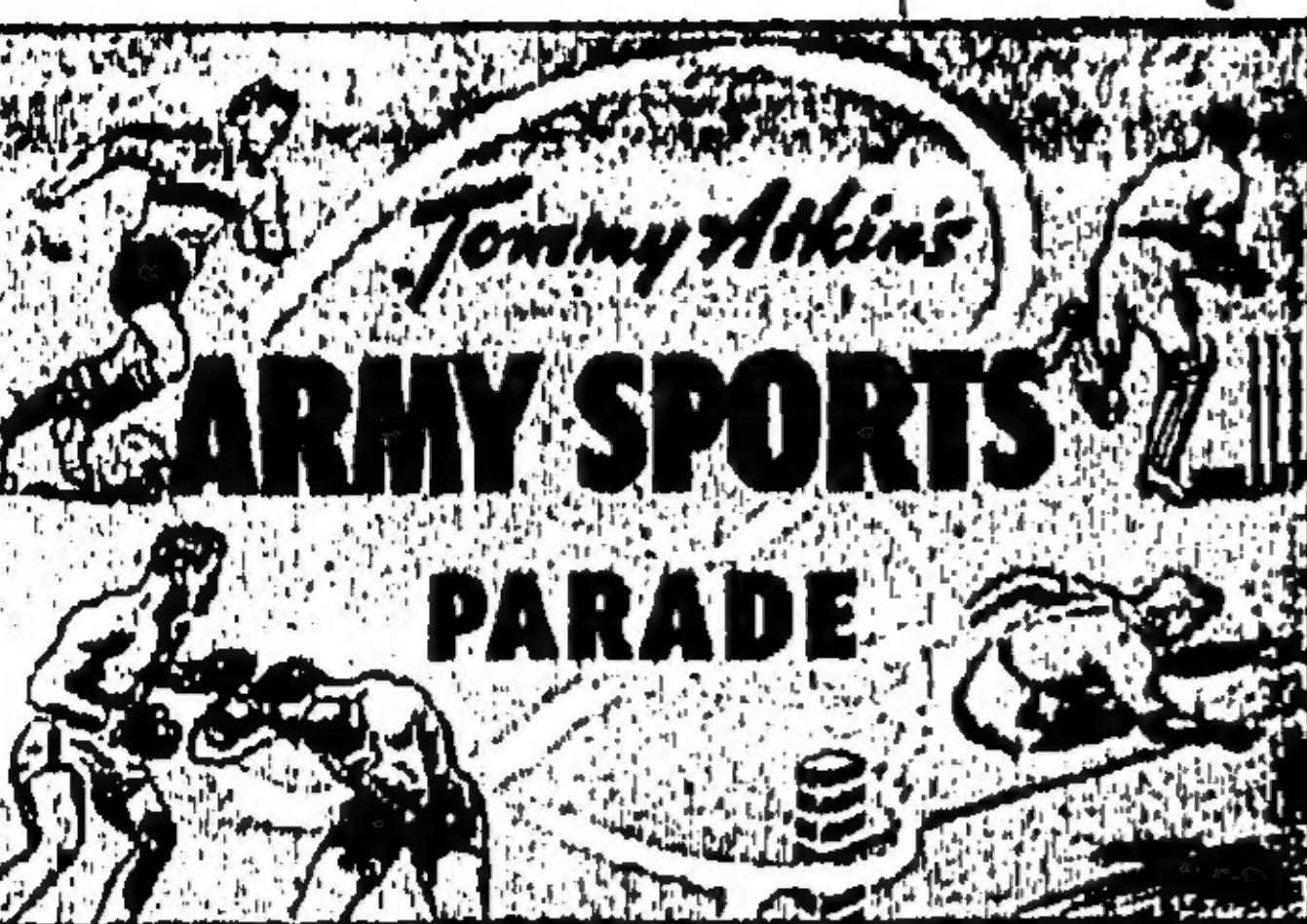
Jennifer's selection as Carnival Queen is not her first success in the beauty and charm line. She recently also came out with flying colours in a modelling course passing out

Athletics has now taken a back seat with Jennifer. Apparently she prefers her athletics controlled by men rather than women and goes up with the Brighton Ladies' Athletic Club.

MATTER OF OPINION

This, of course, is a matter of opinion and it must be said that women have taken a very firm and able hand in athletic affairs through most of the world and even Jennifer's old Club, the HKAAC, plans to put the administrative side of its feminine affairs into the hands of an all-female committee.

Jennifer's shaping up into a great athlete was no less surprising in its time than any idea that she would be elected a Carnival Queen. She had a year in competition before she won any prize of any description.



The flashing blade of Sgt Forbes of the King's Own Royal Regiment literally cuts its way into the spot of honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week, as we welcome the new FARELF Champion at Arms to lead the weekly review of Army sporting activities.

Fencing at Singapore Sgt Forbes gave a brilliant exhibition of swordsmanship in winning the Foil and Epee and being placed second in the Sabre.

In claiming the title of Champion at Arms he tallied 26 points out of 27 and collected seven cups as tokens of his prowess. Three of these trophies were of course the Challenge Cups for success in the Foil, Epee and of course the Champion at Arms.

One unique feature of Sgt Forbes' achievements was that he beat CSMI Chadwick, A.M.C. in the Sabre during the Team Championship. This must have given him a lot of satisfaction for Chadwick later won the FARELF Individual Sabre Championships in which Forbes was placed second.

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Sgt Day was placed third in the Foil, second in the Epee and third in the Sabre. Lt Jackson was placed fourth in the Foil, and seventh in the Epee. He did not take part in the Sabre.

The show is scheduled for April 27 at the MacPherson Stadium in Kowloon. Tickets for reserved chairs at \$8 and \$4 and for unreserved seats at \$2.40 and \$1.20 can be obtained from the DOPT at HQFL (Tel 34121 Ex 468).

SOCCER STARS

Congratulations to the soccer stars of 24 Field Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers on their brilliant victory over the KOSB in Singapore last Saturday. Their clear-cut 4-1 win takes them into the final of the Cuckfield Cup at Kuala Lumpur on Saturday next... and, if the good wishes from Hongkong count for anything, to another great win.

The Army Soccer Association is much in the news this week. This evening they give up the role of officials and take on the less onerous if more strenuous one of players when they meet the RAF Referees in a curtain raiser to the International Final at the Club Stadium. This game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. and should provide some healthy entertainment... or something.

The Army Referees will hold the Annual General Meeting of their Association in the NAAFI Club at 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 5.

It is hoped that there will be a full muster of whistlers for, with many important changes in office bearing to be considered, every opinion and suggestion will be worth while.

Still on the subjects of referees I am asked to remind them that Registration Forms for the 1956-57 season are now being circulated to all concerned. These forms must be forwarded direct to the Army Football Association at Stamford, Middlesex not later than May 1, 1956.

There is every indication that this will be a real crackerjack game, and with the ground almost certainly hard and unyielding it could be a King's Own victory... but I'm quite prepared to be wrong for I have a great admiration for this North Staffs side which always tries to play good football.

CROP OF INJURIES

The contingent of Army boxers who went to Singapore for the FARELF Championships have returned with a considerable crop of injuries and a not too pleasant memory or two.

Sgt Madden and Cfn Hancock both suffered nasty hand injuries and as a result their boxing efficiency and their Championship prospects were badly upset. One of the mysteries of the Championships was the recorded defeat of L/Cpl Meigh, the Land Forces Lightweight Champion. According to comments and reports by spectators the verdict which was given against him was one which stunned the audience as the brilliant little North Staffs boxer seemed to have won by the very clearest of margins.

Such verdicts cannot afterwards be rectified but it would be some satisfaction to hear that a mistake had been made.... if that was in fact what happened.

PUZZLING

Boxing is, of course, very much in the mind of the Hongkong public at the moment with the approach of the annual KFCI Hing promotion. To all intents and purposes, this is one of the most important boxing events of the season.

And Now The "Reep Plan"

HE PLANS TO PUT ENGLAND ON TOP OF THE SOCCER WORLD

By TONY CORNELL

London, Apr. 18.

A plan to put England on top of the soccer world has been evolved by a former Royal Air Force Wing Commander, Charles Reep.

Few people have heard of the Reep-plan, but this business efficiency expert of soccer claims he can re-establish England as a major footballing power with the help of his remarkable match charts and his scientific study of tactics and training methods.

Reep's charts were first displayed two years ago in the office of Stan Cullis, manager of English First Division club, Wals-

verhampton Wanderers. It was on the night his team defeated Moscow Spartak by four goals to nought.

"I put them up because they are a principal reason for our success," said Cullis — one of England's leading managers. Reep also helped Wolves to their first Championship in 1954.

Now meet Eric Taylor, manager of runaway Second Division leaders, Sheffield Wednesday. And on Sheffield come up to the promotion post, manager Taylor disclosed that the Reep-plan provides the basis of Wednesday's play.

"He joined us from Wolves at the start of the season," says a smiling Taylor. "Although his theory was difficult to believe at first, it caused me to change our style of play considerably. I couldn't have more praise for the wing-commander's work. With the knowledge we've gained, there's no knowing where we shall stop."

BRILLIANT SYSTEM

Basis of the Reep-plan is a brilliant system of shorthand which records every detail of a match. In eight years Mr Reep has analysed more than 400 games throughout Europe.

"I am not prepared to disclose the secrets yet," says the wing commander. "I do hope, however, that England will take advantage of them before the 1958 World Cup. After all, they are tried and tested now and have the full support of Mr Cullis and Mr Taylor."

Mr Reep is in many respects the most advanced tactical thinker in British soccer today. His work deserves the widest recognition.

In Russia, Hungary and other Iron Curtain countries large Government grants support departments whose task is a scientific study of soccer tactics and training methods.

These same countries have also proved beyond doubt that football style and tactics is an ideal subject for scientific examination.

And Mr Reep seems to be the only man in Britain to recognise its vast possibilities. — China Mail Special.

Turpin Makes A Successful Comeback

Birmingham, Apr. 17.

Randolph Turpin, Britain's former World Middleweight Champion, made a successful "comeback" to-night when he beat Alessandro Ottavio, of Italy, after six rounds of a 10 round lightheavyweight contest here.

The referee stopped the fight at the end of the sixth round owing to Ottavio's badly cut eye.

Turpin looked sharp and business-like in the early rounds. He cut open the Italian's eye in the first round and punished him with rights and lefts. But afterwards the snap went out of the fight with too much mauling and pushing.

It was Turpin's first fight since last October when he was knocked out by Canadian Gordon Wallace.

He "retired" after that bout and relinquished his British and Empire Lightheavyweight titles. — Reuter.

INDIAN BOXER BEATEN

London, Apr. 17.

The Indian Flyweight, Patnaik, was beaten by the London boxer, Bill Downer, in a six rounds fight tonight at the Birmingham Sportsdrome.

The contest was a supporting bout to the Randolph Turpin-Alessandro Ottavio (Italy) fight. — France-Press.

... and finally a word or two of congratulations for cricketers. First congratulations go to the Sappers for their success in the Land Forces Cup. Their victory was a suitable ending to a grand season.

I am sure Army cricketers throughout the Colony would wish me to pass their heartiest congratulations to the members of the Kowloon Cricket Club Hornets on their winning of the Second Division Championship in the Colony League.

There is a close and long standing bond between the Army and the KCC and in this particular case there is also a very material one for veteran Army cricketer Major A.J. Fred Casy, with some 70 wickets at a cost of approximately 5 runs apiece, made a most important contribution to the Hornets' success.

THE GAMBOLS

DO YOU'RE STARTING TO GET OLD AGAIN?

GOING TO BE PRETTY BUSY TO-DAY?

WELL, DON'T BOTHER TO GET ME ANYTHING.

IT'S NOT FOR ME TO HAVE A BIG LUNCH OUT.

VERY WELL, DEAR.

Sports Diary TODAY

Soccer

International Cup Final: Scotland v China (Club) 8.30 p.m. 4th Division: D & S v N & S. The Chinese Gwaihoen v HK Am. 6 p.m. Combined Kowloon Schools v Manila Chinese Schoolboys (BS) 6.30 p.m.

Hockey

1st Division: Recreco "A" v Army "A" (King's Club) 5.30 p.m. Cup Matches: Nav Bharat v. W.C. Peacock "B" and Army "C" (SKC) 6.30 p.m.

Athletics

Royal Air Force Annual Athletic Meet, Kai Tak 10.30 a.m. Schools Tennis at CRC, 3 p.m. ITCFA Inter-Schools Sub-committee, Sports Road, 6.45 p.m.

TOMORROW

1st Division: KMB v Club (CIS), Army v Sing Tao (Club) 6 p.m. 2nd Division: Army v CAA (CIS) 6 p.m.

3rd Division: CMB v Prisoners' Selectors v Dickyland (HV) 6 p.m. HKADA Meeting at Missions to Seamen, 9.30 p.m.

FRIDAY

1st Division: KMB v Club (CIS), St Joseph's College v Manila Chinese Schoolboys at Club ground, 9.30 a.m.

POUNDED SOUNDLY

Robin Roberts also was pounded soundly in this battle between the only two game winners in the major's last season. But he stuck it out for a nine-hit triumph that includes honours by Junior Gilliam, Roy Campion and a double and two singles by Peewee Reece.

Home runs were the order of the day all over the baseball map. There were 19 altogether, 11 in the National and eight in the American.

At Washington, before President Eisenhower, the Pennant-defending New York Yankees jumped off to a better start than the Dodgers, defeating the Senators 10-4. Mickey Mantle stroked two tremendous 500-foot homers to dead centre field and Yogi Berra also hit one for the Yankees. Kael Olson hit two Washington homers and Brookie Dick Tettelbeck connected for one. Not once did Washington hit three homers at home last season. Don Larsen led Washington to six hits for the victory. Berra made four Yankee hits. — United Press.

LUSITANIA CUP

The following will represent the Police Recreation Club against the Hongkong Football Club in a King George VI Memorial Cup lawn bowls match at the HKFC on Sunday April 22.

T. Pilkington, H. T. Sarby, A. J. Branford, C. P. Pilkington, J. W. B. McGehee, B. W. McGehee, F. W. Hollands (Skip); R. T. Smith, R. J. T. Buxall, E. Lonsdale, T. P. Poynton (Skip); M. Taylor, R. O. Dunning (Skip); G. D. Carter, J. H. Harris, T. H. Walker, W. H. Cotton (Skip); W. Morgan, T. Chalmers, A. E. Jones, G. A. Barnes (Skip).

REFEREES' INTERPORT

The Fifth Annual Interport Miniature football match between the Hongkong Miniature Football referees and the Macao referees will be played on April 21, 1956, Saturday at 6.30 p.m. in Macao at Praia Grande Grounds.

The following are the records of Previous Interports:—

1952 Hongkong drew with Macao 1-1; 1953 Hongkong beat Macao 3-1; 1954 Hongkong beat Macao 3-2; 1955 Hongkong lost to Macao 1-2.

The Hongkong team will leave the Colony on Saturday, April 21 at 2.30 p.m. and play the match on the same day. Sunday they will play friendly matches against the Broadway Theatre, (at 9.30 a.m.) and against the Chung Yeo team at 6.00 p.m.

They will return here on Monday.

Officials and players for both sides are as follows:

Hongkong Miniature Football referees:—Leaders: Chau Wing-yiu, Au Yeung Yee, Secretary: K. K. Kam, Manager: L. C. G. Pereira, Captains: Loi Yiu-wing and Loi Pak-chiu. Medical Dresses: Fan Hing, Ho Yau, Mak Chung-ho, Chan Kuan, Lok Kam, Luk Kim-chun, Chen Kuen, Lo Po-ke, Chan King-ping, Ng Chee-yeen, Liu Cheung, Leung Kwai-hong, Liu Kwong, Lee Seng, Cheng Koon-kiung and Cheng Pui-keung.

Macao Miniature football referees:—Leader: Yim-tong, Captain Fung Shui-shan; Players: Moi Sheung, Ng Chee-yeen, Liu Cheung, Leung Kwai-hong, Liu Kwong, Lee Seng, Cheng Koon-kiung and Cheng Pui-keung.

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Persian Authorities Act Against
Lawless TribesATTEMPT TO BREAK DEFIANT
SPIRIT OF THE CHIEFTAIN'S

Teheran, Apr. 17.

Persian authorities, having broken up the main centres of the Tudeh (Communist) Party which is illegal here are now concentrating their efforts against another menace to public security—the lawless tribes.

In February, five Army columns each of battalion strength, surrounded the headquarters of the warrior-like Javanroudi tribe in western Persia and after 21 days of skirmishing shot one and seized nine other chieftains.

Over 300 tribesmen with several hundred others also fell into Army hands. For a time, maybe for ever, the defiant spirit of the Javanroudi towards the central Government in Teheran had been broken.

Plans for this large-scale punitive expedition were made far back in August last year. They were prepared after lengthy air reconnaissance of the steep ravines and barren mountain areas inhabited by the Javanroudi, on the Iraqi frontier, northwest of Kermanshah.

Move Great
Distances

Persia has today somewhere between three and five million tribesmen, or nomadic herders, representing about one fifth of her population. The main tribes are the Qashqais, the Bakhtiaris, the Lurs, the Kurds, the Turkomans and the Biduchis.

Most of the individual members of these tribes are peaceful herders, whose sole aim in life is to increase the numbers of their sheep, goats, camels, horses, asses and mules.

Because of the barren nature of the Persian countryside, these herders are forced to move great distances, seeking fresh, green pastures for their lean looking animals.

Thus, the strict discipline of tribal life is imposed upon them by the nature of their livelihood. To preserve themselves against marauders, they fall under the dictatorial rule of their own hereditary khans.

These khans—some of them educated at Oxford, Heidelberg, Columbia University or even the prewar Potsdam Military Academy—maintain their hold over the tribes through an elite class of armed horsemen.

Several factors combine to make these armed tribal horsemen a perpetual worry to the Army and police authorities in Teheran.

Banned All
Officials

The khans are fighting a losing battle in Persia to preserve their strict, clanish way of life, which is much the same now as it was under Ghengis Khan, from the invasion of the Western way of life.

Generally speaking, they believe that the weaker the central Government, the more the tribes will be left in peace to pursue their age-old nomadic habits, owning allegiance to no one except the khans (tribal overlords).

Sometimes they deliberately set out to weaken the Government by defying its laws, refusing to pay taxes on their sheep and cattle, and even terrorising whole regions with their armed followers. This is what the Javanroudi did—to the point of banning all officials from their territory.

The simple herdsman is another factor. He remembers or has heard of the brutal attempts made before World War II to disarm the tribes and force them to settle. In one place where they themselves died of malaria and where their flocks died of hunger, thirst, and exposure. His livelihood depends upon his being free to wander up to 300 miles in any one direction—searching for good grass.

Applied More
Strictly

Most tribes, too, inhabit desolate mountainous regions

where law has never really been applied and their natural tendency is to resist the application of any kind of authority from the outside world.

It is now recognised by Persian authorities that the forcible settling of tribesmen, begun in the 1930's, is impossible. They are the nation's cattle and sheep breeders and if their routine were to be forcibly interrupted for years, the townsfolk would find meat disappearing from the market place altogether.

But disarming is a policy which has already begun and is likely to be applied more strictly in the coming months. It only affects a small fraction of the whole tribe.

The operation against the Javanroudi was carried out by Army units from three divisions who co-operated with reconnaissance aircraft and light bombers.

Winter was deliberately chosen for the operation because mountain passes would be blocked by snow, forcing the tribes to give battle in the valleys.

This stratagem worked well. The Javanroudi warriors had to stand and fight, and were overwhelmed by superior weapons and disciplined troops. An old trick of theirs, to fight and then retreat across the nearby border into equally wild land inside Iraq, was frustrated this time by close co-operation between Teheran and Baghdad.

Another tribe, the Kurds, are also more peacefully inclined these days although as late as 1945 they tried to break away from Teheran and establish an autonomous Kurdish Republic with headquarters at Mahabad. Slowly and inevitably outside forces are breaking down the tribesman's habitual independence and isolation but it will probably take another generation before the last rifle is collected from the last mountain warrior in Persia.—China Mail Special.

Breaking Down
IndependenceSwimsuits
On Display

Some of the newest styles in swimsuits went on display at San Remo recently to mark the close of the Italian Cinema Rally. Don't know about the Italian cinema, but we'd certainly like to rally round some of these pretty models.—Express Photo.

MP's OCCUPATIONAL
COMPLAINT—HEADACHES

Bonn, Apr. 17.

Headaches are the commonest ailment that Herr Paul Weck, in charge of the West German Bundesthaus (Parliament) first aid station, is asked to treat.

The larger the number of committee meetings, the more deputies troop along to Herr Weck's dispensary for tablets.

After headaches, burned fingers are among the deputies' commonest complaint, Herr Weck says.

CATCH FIRE

The deputies seem to like playing with fire—literally. What usually happens is that lighter fuel is spilled on to their fingers while they fill their lighters, then catches fire when they try to light their cigars.

Herr Weck expects 40 to 50 cases a day, but most of them are visitors to the parliament, who wait after a long and tiring journey. None of the deputies has ever fainted in the house, Herr Weck points out.

Herr Weck also treats workers in the Bundesthaus who strain a hamster to a finger, deputies' girlfriends who complain of rheumatism and charwomen who may have anything from a splinter in their hand to indigestion.

MOST SERIOUS

His most serious case was an English student whose hand was smashed to pulp between a pleasure steamer and a landing stage on the River Rhine just by the Bundesthaus.

For really serious cases the Bundesthaus has its own qualified doctor, Dr Hans Bodo Schaum.—China Mail Special.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Mail
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THURSDAY, APRIL 19

By Air
Hawaii, 8 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Ceylon, N. Borneo, Indonesia, France, 11 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany, Great Britain, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
North Borneo, 11 a.m.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, 8 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 10 a.m.
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Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 12 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.

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Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 1 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

VANDALS SLASH
NEW TRAIN

By Air

Melbourne, Apr. 17.

Victorian railway commissioners are stepping up a campaign against vandalism after a brand new Melbourne suburban electric train, introduced only that day with a fanfare of publicity, was found with six leather seats slashed with razors.

The damaged carriage was left in service for several days in the hope that an indignant public would be vigilant for future vandalism and report it. Heavier penalties are planned.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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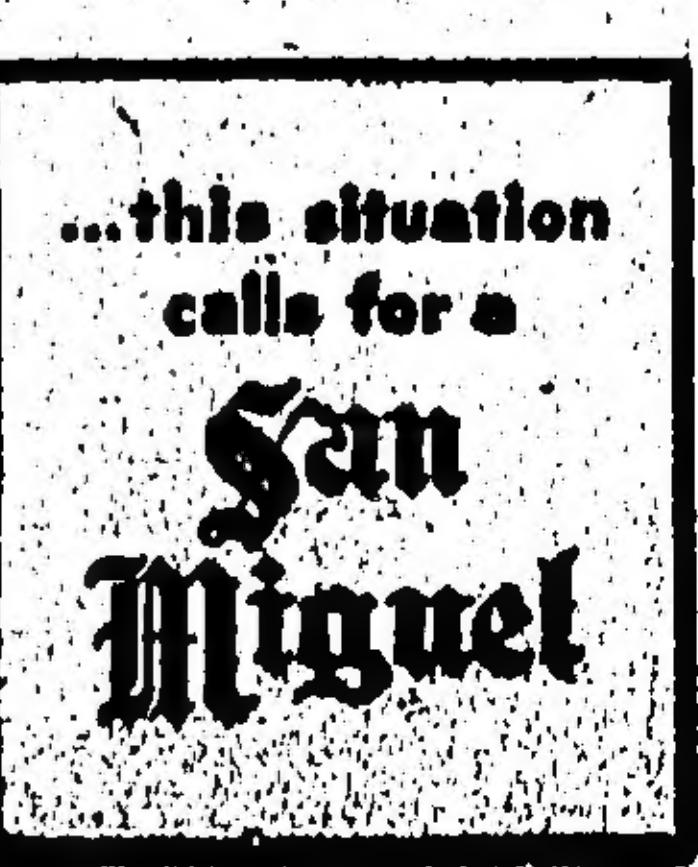
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits Fall Off

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$170,000. Non quotations and the morning's transactions:

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Esso Licenses Butyl Production To French Firm

New York, Apr. 17.

The Esso Research and Engineering Company has announced that it has issued a licence to a French firm for the first butyl synthetic rubber plant to be built overseas.

Esso Research, developer of the rubber made from oil refinery gases, granted Socabu to use its technique for recovering isobutylene, the principal ingredient of butyl, from refinery gases. This would enable Socabu to recover isobutylene in its plant from the petroleum gases of nearby refineries at Giverny and Port Jerome.

The plant is to be built at Port Jerome, in the region of Le Havre, France. Engineering work has already been started and construction is expected to be completed in 1958. It will have a capacity of 20,000 tons per year.

Fourth Plant

The unit will be the fourth butyl rubber plant in the world.

Other butyl plants are now owned by the Polymer Corporation, a Canadian Government company at Sarnia; Esso Standard Oil Company at Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and the Humble Oil and Refining Company at Baytown, Texas.

Esso Standard and Humble purchased their plants from the US Government last year. Total capacity of the three existing plants is about 115,000 tons annually.

Two other companies have been licensed by Esso Research to build butyl plants in the United States. Butyl is the material from which practically all American automobile inner tubes are made.

Same Technique

In France, as in the US it is expected to find many uses such as in electric insulation and mechanical goods, in addition to inner tubes.

The capacity of the French plant will be sufficient to meet projected future French requirements of butyl rubber.

During the first years of operation there will be some butyl rubber available for export to other countries.

Kaiser Co's Finance Plans

Oakland, Apr. 16.

Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation, a Canadian Government company at Sarnia; Esso Standard Oil Company at Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and the Humble Oil and Refining Company at Baytown, Texas.

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Exchange Rates

Business will date in the local exchange market on the following morning:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 5.42

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"ADMIRAL SNORKEL" PEN

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

HOME AND AWAY

ROBERT is 21, though he looks much younger, and he lives with his parents in their home in the East End, where all his boyhood has been spent.

Home, for a boy, and for a young man until he chooses to leave it, should provide at once both a base, well-secured, from which to set out adventuring, and a bolt-hole, a refuge, to fly to when the outside world turns nasty.

Robert's home was more like the no-man's land in a battlefield than either a base or a sanctuary. His father and his mother were at variance, and the atmosphere in the home was one of sullen, smouldering hostility. Cold war that periodically erupted into hot.

NON-COMBATANT

ROBERT, as far as he could take either, took his mother's side in the rows and wrangling, but his part was chiefly a passive, non-combatant one, and as so often happens to non-combatants, it was he who suffered most in the confined, constricted battle area.

By day Robert worked for a furniture-making firm, earning £9 a week, of which he gave half to his mother for his keep. By night? That was the problem. What to do in the long evenings and at week-ends, to escape from his home.

EVENINGS OUT

ROBERT found several means of escape. By working as late as his employers would let him, he cut down the length of his evenings a little. And he took to going to classes of various kinds—dancing classes and some at which leatherwork was the subject—to get away from home.

He had friends, and being a prudent youth, had money saved to pay for occasional visits to the cinema and the theatre. But despite the trouble he took to fill up every evening, there were occasional times when he had nowhere to go and could not face staying at home.

TOO EARLY TO GO HOME

IT was so recently. Arrangements he had made to meet a friend fell through. He spent an hour at the friend's house watching television there, with the family, but at 10 o'clock Robert had to leave.

It was too early to go home. Robert decided to go to the West End to look at the theatres and pick one to visit later in the week with his girl.

IRENE KOHLER'S RECITAL

The Music Society of Hong Kong can reckon that its first concert was a great success. That success was largely due to the fine playing of Irene Kohler who gave a recital in the University Lake Yew Hall last night.

Mrs. Kohler is a pianist whose outstanding qualities are power and precision. This was already evident from her broadcast the previous evening, when she played Beethoven's "Appassionata" Sonata. Last night's programme was well chosen to demonstrate this power and depth—almost a "feeling of physical depth, of sinking right down into the notes, and producing organ-like sonority in the bass."

The opening work was Bach's "Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue." The beginning of both sections was somewhat marred by a curious echo in the hall which blurred the softer passages. But this was overcome as the Fugue built up in volume.

A PLEASURE

The second big work—the major item of the concert—was Brahms' two sets of Variations on the theme by Paganini. Like the "Hindemith Variations" (which I personally prefer), these variations contain demands on every kind of pianistic ability. Mrs. Kohler has a technique and approach eminently suitable to Brahms' great striding phrases and colossal chord structure. It was a pleasure to hear a woman pianist play with such technical power and at the same time with such ease of wrist, arm and fingers, and it was also a pleasure to watch the interplay of the hands.

Between these two large works came a little two-movement Mozart Sonata in F, quiet and cheerful. The echo made itself heard again here, interfering with the requisite delicacy.

The second half of the programme contained another two shorter works, including two pieces from Debussy by Albeniz and Debussy's "Reflets dans l'Eau." These all belong to the "impressionist" school. Mrs. Kohler used precision and lightness to achieve the evocative mood; particularly in the Debussy picture was her playing amply, yet with the impulsive touch typical of Debussy.

"A Scherzino" by Arthur Benjamin, presented Miss Kohler in a manner revealing a somewhat impish outlook characteristic of this pleasant composer (for instance in his Jamaican Rumba for two pianos).

GROUP OF CHOPIN

Finally came a group of Chopin. The works in this were all being in tone variety being on one gentle level; the "Valse in F" was an interesting choice, not one of the more popular, but brilliant and effective given.

In the group of studies Miss Kohler again excelled with her easy technical command of these difficult works, which were well chosen in passages which are too often "faked" by lesser players.

The B flat minor Scherzo ended the programme in a strain containing many moods in its short duration. Here the contrasts were well emphasized, and Miss Kohler retained to the end of this demanding piece the same balance of tension, freshness, strength and brilliance as she had revealed at the beginning.

An encore, she gave a movement from Mozart's "Sonata in C" and Liszt's "Dance of the Gnomes".

An encouragingly large audience finally let her go, but she hopes that she will now include Hong Kong gallantly in her concert tours.—X.K.

Sten Guns Fished From The Sea

Two fishermen pleaded guilty before Mr T. Creddon at Kowloon Court this morning to possession without a licence of eight Sten guns.

The fishermen, Cheung To-fuk, 24, and Cheung Ping, 20, claimed that they had dredged the weapons from the sea during fishing operations.

Inspector Chan Cheung-chuen, prosecuting, said the defendants were on board the sampans when the Police intercepted the craft at a point 200 yards offshore on the east side of Lyemun Pass on April 6. The Police found a sack on board containing the Sten guns.

The Inspector added that the defendants were genuine fishermen and the Police had no doubt that the weapons were dragged out from the bottom of the sea off Lam Tung Island in Colonial waters. He said that a certain amount of arms had been recovered by the military authorities in the same area sometime last year.

Mr Creddon ordered both defendants to be bound over in £500 for 12 months. The weapons, which are in good condition and serviceable, were confiscated.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"My psychology book says to ignore such performances—Jimmy's just trying to attract attention!"

WITNESS BECOMES UNWELL DURING CROSS-EXAMINATION

The woman complainant in the case against a 27-year-old unemployed charged with robbery with aggravation in the Criminal Sessions this morning became unwell during cross-examination by the Defence Counsel and was allowed to leave the Court for a short rest.

During her absence two other Prosecution witnesses were examined.

On trial before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Acting Senior puisne Judge is Tsui Dick, alias Tsui Tsang-yui, alias Robert Tsui, and he is alleged to have, together with two other persons, robbed Tsui Sau-ngor at her residence at Lam Fong Road, of money and jewellery to a total value of over \$26,000.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Supt. Insp. S. C. Wong. Accused is defended by Mr Patrick Yu, on the instructions of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko.

Tsui Sau-ngor, the complainant in her evidence yesterday had stated that she identified the accused at an identification parade as being one of three men who carried out an armed robbery at her residence on October 19 last.

In answer to the Defence Counsel, Mr Yu, complainant said that on the morning of January 17 she went to the Eastern Police Station with her children and her driver. She was driven there in her own car. Later she proceeded to Bay View Police Station.

"I DON'T REMEMBER"

She said she could not now remember whether she entered Bay View Station by the front entrance. She believed that she had stopped at the entrance and she walked into the Station.

Complainant said she could not remember whether, on walking into the Station, she noticed the charge room facing the entrance. She agreed she had been to the Station on three occasions for the purpose of identification.

The correspondent alleged that smuggling was the cause of the shortage and that the genuine consumers were suffering because of the illegal activities.

Commenting on this, Mr R. Y. Frost, General Manager of The Shell Co. of Hongkong, Ltd., said this morning that if the correspondent would write to his company directly, the matter would be put right and that his supply of kerosene at regular price would be ensured. Mr Frost requested any person experiencing a similar difficulty, to write to the company and the complainant would be investigated.

While admitting that there were smuggling activities going on in the New Territories, Mr Frost said the shortage was temporary and it might partly have been caused by a very small quota of kerosene being withdrawn from Shatin to supplement that at Lam Long during the past few days. He added that the transfer of the quota had now been stopped.

Mr Frost said he was aware of the complaints which appeared in a vernacular journal.

THE CAUSE

He said his company was doing its utmost to ensure that there should be no short supply, realising that genuine consumers would have to suffer.

But, he said, the small-time collectors, who purchased odd tins of kerosene from retailers, grocery stores and small shops and sold them to smugglers for a small profit, were the persons responsible for the artificial shortage of the fuel. Their activities were difficult to curb as shopkeepers had no reason to refrain from selling them on request.

Mr Frost revealed that one oil company, with a view to stopping these blackmarket activities, had issued ration cards to consumers on application and more than 6,000 such cards had been issued recently. In a check later, that company discovered that some holders of

the ration cards had sold them for as small a sum as 50 cents each.

Mr Frost said that, working together with the Government, his investigators were constantly making checks with his agents and dealers to stop any illegal practices and he mentioned that recently three shops in Shaukiwan and 13 more in Kowloon had been made to forfeit their agencies because of illegal practices.

DECLINES OFFERS

Defence Counsel asked complainant whether she was not well and whether she wished to sit down. Complainant declined the offer of a chair and said she preferred to stand.

She also declined when asked by his Lordship whether she would like a glass of water.

Mr Yu: What I am doing is that yesterday when you related the events that took place at your flat you had no hesitation in remembering quite a lot of things. This morning when you were asked about what took place at Bay View, you did not seem to remember very much. Why is that?

Complainant: I am dizzy.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m., Variety Calls the Tunes—Popcorn (All Mendiésonne programme); "Fin's Cave Overture" (played by Rosario Bourdon and his Orchestra); "The Star-Spangled Banner" (words) (played by the Westminster Light Orchestra, conducted by Leslie Bridgewater); "Symphony No. 1 in F major" (played by the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by James Hurst); "Romance of the World—The Story of the United Nations" (played by the United Nations Orchestra); "Tea for Two" (2:30); "Sicily Instrumental"; "Children's Corner" (Conducted by Alvin Patrick); "The Moonlight Serenade" (arranged by Eddie Fisher); "Bolero" (by Maurice Ravel); "Music from Germany—Presented by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart); "Lucy, Lucy, Lucy" (The Sidney Torch Strings); "Personality Parade" (Betty Hutton); "Rags" (Alvin Patrick); "Oriental Modern Dance" (Music).

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